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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet(s) of drawings include(s) changes to Fig(s). 3.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 19-36 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicant AMENDS the Drawings and the Substitute Specification.

Applicant incorporates in this Amendment all of the contents of the previous Amendment filed May 19, 2008.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner alleged that Applicant's Amendment filed on May 19, 2008 is not fully responsive because Applicant did not allegedly respond to the Examiner's objection to the Drawings for not allegedly showing each feature recited in the claims.

Applicant respectfully disagrees that the Amendment filed May 19, 2008 was not fully responsive because, although the Examiner disagrees, Applicant explained why it was not necessary to provide a new or amended figure. However, in order to advance prosecution, Applicant has amended **Fig. 3** to add a reference symbol **FM** and has amended the Substitute Specification to add a corresponding discussion of the reference symbol **FM** that explains, "[A]t least a portion of the outer periphery of the magnet assembly can be covered with a ferromagnetic material **FM**." Support for this amendment is found, for example, in original, now canceled Claim 10 (corresponding to added Claim 28) and in the first full paragraph on page 12 of the English translation of the originally filed Specification (corresponding to the first full paragraph on page 12 of the Substitute Specification).

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection to the Drawings.

Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art of record, applied alone or in combination, fails to teach or suggest the unique combination and arrangement of elements recited in Claims 19, 24, and 30 of the present application. Claims 20-23, 25-29, and 31-36 depend upon Claims 19, 24, and 30 and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons that Claims 19, 24, and 30 are allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks and in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks in the previous Amendment filed May 19, 2008, Applicant

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respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

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